

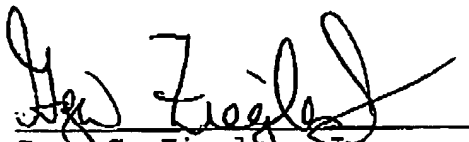
III. REMARKS

1. Claims 2-5 are amended to address the noted objections.
2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 and 6-9. The claims are amended to address the objections noted by the Examiner.
3. Claim 3 is amended to address the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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